

A regular meeting of the James Island Public Service District Commission was held at 7:09 p.m. on November 14, 2011, in the conference room of the District offices located at 1739 Signal Point Road, James Island, South Carolina.

Present at the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Donald Hollingsworth, Chair, who presided; Inez BrownCrouch, David Engelman, Eugene Platt, June Waring and Rod Welch.

Also present were: Robert Wise, District Manager; Tamara Eberhart, Administrative Coordinator; David Hoffman, Wastewater Superintendent and G. Robert George, P.E., G. Robert George & Associates.

Mr. Hollingsworth called the meeting to order.

Mr. Platt led a moment of silence in memory of resident Robert Dunham; former JIPSD employee Frank Richardson and Mrs. Engelman who is being hospitalized tomorrow for heart surgery. Mr. Platt led the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag of the United States of America.

1. The Freedom of Information Act – In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting and its agenda were provided to all news media and persons requesting notification.
2. Roll was called.
3. Oral and Written Petitions
 - A. Robert Schurmeier, 706 Creekside Drive, suggested that they [Solid Waste Committee] find out what it cost the County to use inmates to do the job and then compare it with the money they received from the sale of the compost and how much that compost would go up in value if it did not have plastic bags. Mr. Schurmeier also spoke in opposition to the School Board raising their salaries.
 - B. Mr. Hollingsworth recognized former Town Councilman Carter McMillian in the audience.
4. Approval of Minutes
 - A. **Ms. BrownCrouch moved to approve the Regular Commission meeting minutes of October 24, 2011, seconded by Mr. Platt. The motion carried unanimously.**
5. Harbor View Road Construction and Sewer Relocation Projects – Letter to County Council
 - A. Mr. Wise asked the Commission to consider supporting a letter to County Council to voice concerns about changes to the construction project. The Commission reviewed the letter. Mr. George presented his 7 points attached to the letter. Discussion followed. **Mr. Welch moved to send the letter with the qualification that he and Mr. Hollingsworth hand-deliver the letter to Councilman Qualey before it is mailed to the other councilmembers. Mr. Platt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**
6. Battery Island/Arsburn Lane and Other SRF Funding Projects
 - A. Mr. Wise proposed elevating the Battery Island/Arsburn Lane sewer project in an effort to meet the needs of the public and secure funding from the State Revolving Fund for the remaining projects. Mr. Wise provided the Commission with a motion for consideration. **Ms. Waring moved that the James Island Public Service District Commission allow staff to proceed with obtaining State Revolving Funds in the amount of \$812,335 for the Battery Island/Arsburn Lane sewer project totaling \$904,835. (This will serve 32 homes of which 7 homes will be funded by the 2009-2010 Urban Entitlement Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$92,500). Furthermore, the James Island Public Service District will be requesting, concurrent with this project, an upcoming Community Development**

Block Grant on behalf of the residents for their impact and connection fees. The District Commission and staff are fully committed to completing this project and the use of all grant funds by September 30, 2012. The Commission looks forward to improving the health and welfare of its residents. Seconded by Ms. BrownCrouch. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Wise informed the Commission that staff will be requesting approval for a block of project funds as opposed to individual project fund requests. Discussion followed.

7. Committee Reports

A. Mr. Engelman reported that the Solid Waste Committee met today to discuss the ban on plastic bags for yard debris. Mr. Engelman stated that the Committee voted to ask County Council to return to using prisoners to help with the separation of solid waste. Discussion followed.

Mr. Platt moved that the Commission Chair write a letter respectfully requesting that County Council consider resuming the practice of using inmates to deal with the plastic bags. The motion failed 4 to 2 as follows:

Ms. BrownCrouch		Nay
Mr. Hollingsworth		Nay
Mr. Platt	Aye	
Mr. Engelman	Aye	
Ms. Waring		Nay
Mr. Welch		Nay

8. Unfinished Business

A. Holiday Commission Schedule – **Ms. Waring moved to go with the tradition** [to suspend the regularly scheduled Commission meetings following the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays] **seconded by Ms. BrownCrouch.** Mr. Welch asked Mr. Engelman to hold another Solid Waste Committee meeting on Monday, December 12th at 6 p.m. Mr. Engelman concurred. Ms. Waring asked for a phone call reminder of the meeting. Mr. Welch asked for 5 years of data pertaining to trash/garbage collection. Mr. Hollingsworth suggested waiting to discuss the trash can certification program until after the first of next year. Discussion followed. Mr. Platt called for a point of order and asked that the Commission follow Robert's Rules of Order. **Ms. Waring withdrew her motion.** Mr. Hollingsworth stated that the Commission meetings of November 28th and December 26th will be cancelled. Mr. Welch asked that a motion be taken. **Ms. Waring moved to continue with the past holiday schedule, seconded by Ms. BrownCrouch. The motion carried 5 to 1. Mr. Platt voted in opposition.** Mr. Platt explained that the motion is unnecessary.

B. Mr. Hollingsworth stated that the can certification issue is tabled until after the first of next year. The Commission concurred.

C. Ms. BrownCrouch reported from the Town of James Island that the fundraiser and garage sale were very successful.

9. New Business

A. Ms. BrownCrouch asked for the status of the Dills Bluff Road property. Mr. Wise stated that funds have been set aside to hire a facilities consultant to clearly define the needs of our facilities and then address the financial side.

10. Correspondence and/or Newspaper Articles

A. Mr. Platt made reference to an article in today's *Post and Courier* about School Board members asking for a raise. Discussion followed.

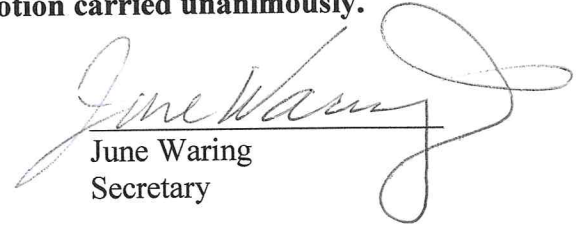
11. Oral and Written Petitions

A. Robert Schurmeier, 706 Creekside Drive, spoke to the plastic bag ban and the School Board members' proposed raise.

B. Ms. Waring shared a magazine cover photo featuring Mr. Engelman.

12. **Mr. Platt moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Welch. The motion carried unanimously.**

13. Mr. Hollingsworth adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.



June Waring
Secretary

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